

IN THE CLAIMS

1-36. (cancelled)

37. (previously presented) A method of decreasing pigmentation in a person in need thereof comprising the steps of: providing a topical cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of 2,9-dihydroxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 1,2,10-trimethoxy-9-hydroxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 2,9-diacetyloxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and 1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and a carrier; and

applying said compound to the skin of a person in need thereof.

38. (previously presented) A method of slimming, reducing cellulite or firming the skin of a person in need thereof comprising the steps of:

providing a topical cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of 1,2,10-trimethoxy-9-hydroxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 2,9-diacetyloxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and 1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and a carrier; and

applying said compound to the skin of a person in need thereof.

39-41. (cancelled)

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 37 or 38 wherein said compound is present at a concentration between 0.0001 (w/w) and 50% (w/w).

43. (previously presented) The method of claim 42 wherein said compound is present at a concentration between 0.001 (w/w) and 20% (w/w).

44. (previously presented) The method of claim 42 wherein said compound is present in the form of a solution, dispersion, emulsion, paste, or powder, or is included individually or as a premix in vehicles constituted by carriers such as macro-, micro-, or nanocapsules, liposomes or chylomicrons, macro-, micro-, or nanoparticles or microsponges, or are adsorbed on organic polymers powders, talcs, bentonites, or other inorganic supports.

45. (previously presented) The method of claim 42 wherein said composition is a foundation, tint base, sun-screen, suntan lotion, milk, or cream, shaving cream, shaving foam, aftershave, shampoo, lipstick, mascara, or nail varnish.

46-68. (cancelled)